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SUBJECT: EQUIPMENT FOR TURKEY

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1. PURSUANT TO REF A WE MADE INFORMAL CONTACT WITH SEVERAL DELEGATIONS (GERMAN, UK, DUTCH AND ITALIAN), THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, AND SHAPE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY US ORIGIN EXCESS EQUIPMENT WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO TURKEY. NONE COULD PROVIDE ANY DATA BEYOND THE POTENTIAL F-104 TRANSFER.

2. THIS RESPONSE IS PARTIALLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT MOST KEY DELEGATION OFFICERS ARE ON HOLIDAY, AND THOSE WHO ARE
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LEFT ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE SUBJECT. ALSO, AS ONE DELEGATION POINTED OUT, THE EXTENSIVE EQUIPMENT "WANT LIST" FROM TURKEY ARRIVED "ONLY RECENTLY", SO NATIONS HAVE NOT YET HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON THE REQUEST. (THE REQUEST REACHED HERE ON MAY 24, 1978.)

3. COMMENT: WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO ELEKDAG

THAT THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT A TURKISH CALL
FOR AN EARLY SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP TO
DISCUSS TURKISH REQUIREMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE
THAT ANY EFFORT TO PROVIDE TURKEY WITH EXCESS MILITARY
ITEMS OF US ORIGIN WILL REQUIRE STRONG US LEADERSHIP AND
THAT WE WILL HAVE TO ASSESS CAREFULLY THE PRIORITIES
ATTENDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH TURKEY AND PORTUGAL.
END COMMENT.GLITMAN

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